



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ~ From John 4:5-42

Holy Mass*

SAT VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM
& 5:30 PM

Daily Mass*

MON & WED

5:30 PM

TUE, THU, FRI

6:30 AM, 8 AM

SAT 8 AM

Reconciliation*

WED 6-7 PM

(during Adoration)

SAT 9 AM

To schedule a Confession with one of our priests, call the parish office.

**Regular Mass or Confession times may change due to events, funerals or Holy Days. This week's calendar is in the bulletin or on our website.*

Saint
Brendan
THE NAVIGATOR

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Mass Intentions/Feast Days

MONDAY, MARCH 24

5:30 PM Dee Matuska †

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 AM Tesfay Beyene †

8:00 AM Kirubel Teklenkiel †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:45 AM Arnet Thompson †

5:30 PM Anthony & Josephine Corroto †

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 AM Andom Weldemikael †

8:00 AM Danie Azell †

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 AM Janet Sorg †

8:00 AM Intention of Darius Douglas

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM Intention of The Giuliani Family

5:30 PM Alba Arellano †

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:15 AM David Frierhood †

8:45 AM The People of St Brendan Parish

10:45 AM Jack Kopf †

5:30 PM Philomena D'Souza

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

Information Center

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

Church Hours

M-F & Sunday, 6 AM-10 PM

Saturday, 6 AM-6:40 PM

New Members All are Welcome!

New Member Registration Form found at stbrendans.net/welcome Questions? Call 614.876.1272, or email parish@stbrendans.net

Marriage

Fill out a Marriage Request Form at stbrendans.net/marriage at least six months prior to your wedding. Marriage prep is required. Questions? Contact Valerie Scheel, weddingplanner@stbrendans.net

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM on most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

1st Sunday most months, 12 PM (2 classes required). Questions? Email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact Jen Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272, ext 227

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis – 614.876.1272

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing/Bulletin Request

Fill out our marketing request form: stbrendans.net/marketing Email marketing@stbrendans.net for questions or to send artwork.

Mass Intentions

Mail in or drop off requests to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the requests made).

Protecting God's Children

Register at www.virtus.org

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention. Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin. Cost is \$75, but our true cost for the flowers has risen to \$109 each. A larger donation is welcome!

Candle Donations

Suggested donations are \$2 for larger candles and 25 cents for the smaller votives.

Ministry of Care for

Homebound – To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jen Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

POD Nursery

Open Sundays during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Mass for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News / ParishStaq

To automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter, visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq account.

Liturgical Ministry Portal

Ministry Scheduler Pro at: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans For scheduling questions, email ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net

Facebook

(Parish) [StBrendanofHilliard](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanofHilliard)

Instagram

(Parish) [@stbrendanhilliard](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanhilliard)
(School) [@saintbrendanschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintbrendanschool)
(The Vine) [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine)
(The Roots) [@stb_theeroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theeroots)
(Young Adults) [@stbya](https://www.instagram.com/stbya)

Livestreamed Mass

YouTube – [SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](https://www.youtube.com/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard)
Facebook – [facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/)
Sunday: 10:45 AM
Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM

New Mass Intention Envelope

To remember a loved one or to make your special prayer intentions known at Mass (and listed in our bulletin), please utilize our Mass Intention Envelopes available in the information kiosk by the Adoration Chapel. Fill out your intention, your name, phone number, email, date/time of the Mass preferred and include \$10 (cash/check) per intention. Drop it in the baskets at Mass, in the giving collection stand in the church gathering area, or at the parish office and we will schedule the intention for you. (If the Mass date/time you prefer is not available, we will schedule it on the next available day and time.)

Eucharistic Adoration

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

MON 6 PM – 10 PM

TUE 9 AM – 10 PM

WED 7 AM – 5 PM Holy Hour: 6-7 PM with Confessions

THU 9 AM – 10 PM

FRI 9 AM – 10 PM

1st Friday each month, 9 AM through Sat, 1 PM

SAT 9 AM – 1 PM

SUN 6:30 PM – 10 PM





A Message from Deacon Jim Morris

Lent came a bit early this year, at least it seemed to me that it did, and we are now about halfway through it for this year.

One theme that I've been thinking about is sacrifice and its dual component of gratitude. They are interrelated – **sacrifice is the expression of our gratitude, and gratitude is our spiritual sacrifice.**

This theme started in our readings from the First Sunday of Lent when Moses was reminding his people of what God had done for them and what their response should be:

"He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. 'Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

Both sacrifice and gratitude.

Sacrifice means and expresses three things:

- Our humble acknowledgement that all the good in the universe and all the good in our lives is from God, from His grace – that we are totally dependent on Him.
- The physical sacrifices we make symbolizes the spiritual sacrifice we need to make in gratitude to God. Our parting with some of our physical gifts, a little bit of our "stuff," expresses our willingness to sacrifice our self-interest, our egotism, in love of God.
- Our sacrifices also express our union with Christ and His sacrifice, the sacrifice He offered of Himself on the cross, to the Father, for our salvation. Lent is a great time to think about all that God has given each of us. If we love God, if we are truly grateful, we will love making sacrifices for Him.

It's not really as hard as we seem to make it. Start with little things: one minute to really listen to your friends or your family, one minute to pray during a busy day, one little extra thoughtfulness to those we encounter. Make it a habit, and you will gradually experience its joy – the joy of achievement, the joy of creating a work of spiritual art, and the joy of doing (as Mother Teresa put it) *"something beautiful for God."*

Confession during Lent

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, making it an ideal time for us to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our **Parish Penance Service** is Wednesday, April 2, 6-9 PM and **Reconciliation Monday** is on April 14 from 6-8 PM.



Living a Eucharistic Life during Lent (Part 1) by Sr. Mary Catherine Kasuboski, TOR

What do we do when we want to give someone a gift, but have no money? We usually have to get creative, and often the result is a gift that includes something of ourselves.

For many years, I have served our community as the General Treasurer, which means I manage the material resources for the whole community. It is a role that involves a massive amount of responsibility, leaving me very little time to devote to our communal ministries. However, I feel within me a deep hunger to do ministry, because I didn't enter religious life to take care of the finances.

A Hidden Opportunity

Recently, after a couple of ministry events came up for me and subsequently fell through, I felt rather disappointed. As I took my still hungry heart to the Lord, I felt led to consider my present circumstances replete with ministry opportunities, not to people outside the community, but to my own sisters with whom I live.

At first, I didn't find this very exciting, but when I began to accept it more deeply, I realized the Lord was offering me opportunities to live a Eucharistic life at every moment of every day—offering a gift of myself in little, often hidden ways that might never be considered "ministries" by anyone else. If a sister comes to my office needing a check to purchase something and I give her a loving smile with it, I have given a gift of myself.

When we are at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we witness Jesus offering Himself to the Father as He did on the Cross, and we are called to participate in that by offering ourselves (and all aspects of our lives) with Jesus to the Father. When we leave Mass, we are called to extend that self-offering and live a Eucharistic life by offering ourselves to one another in love.



Congratulations on the Baptism of

Theodore Paul Loewendick III

Parish Office Note

The Parish Office will be closed: Holy Thursday, April 17 at Noon Good Friday, April 18 – All Day Easter Monday, April 21 – All Day

Liturgical Ministers

Altar Servers, Welcomers, Lectors and Ushers are needed for the upcoming additional Easter Masses that will take place in the School Gym. Visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans to see what spots are still open or let us know your availability by emailing ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net

Any Changes?

Have you moved, switched your landline to a cell phone as your primary phone, baptized your baby somewhere other than St Brendan or were married? Please take a moment to update your personal information in ParishStaq or email Dina Harder at dharder@stbrendans.net

St Brendan OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process where adults have the opportunity to explore faith questions and learn the basic traditions, beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. Interested? Contact Jen Rice at 614-876-1272, ext 227.

Incense Schedule

Incense will be utilized at Masses denoted with the thurible icon on the calendar & listed below.

March 23 No incense
March 30 10:45 AM



Community Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew	Wellnitz, Room 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	O.C.I.A. Meeting	Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	VINE Formation	Chas McCurdy LC
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Group	Off-Site
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Small Group	The Carter Center
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	St B Women: Wilderness Within Lenten Study	Davidson, Rms A & B
7:00 PM	St B Women: Wilderness Within Lenten Study	Davidson, Rms A & B

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Lenten Fish Fry	School Gym
6:30 PM	Date Night for your Marriage	Davidson, Rms A & B
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church


SATURDAY, MARCH 29

SVdP 5th Sunday Collection & Catholic Relief Services

6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry: Family Potluck	Davidson, Rms A & B

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

SVdP 5th Sunday Collection & Catholic Relief Services

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church  10:45 AM
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym



Prayer List

Fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* available at www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List (see QR code below) or call the parish office if you would like our parish to pray for friends or family **who are hospitalized, ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones. The list is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted, but are still ill, fill out a new prayer request.



If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.

Please Pray for...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Bill Brake	Marilyn Wiggins
Joe Martin	Ira Katz
Tom Speroni	Ora Johnson
Pamela Theado	Crystal Billman
Karen McLaughlin	Wayne Rose
Eva Campbell	Francis Drlik
Ruthann Stafford	Marianne Kritzer
Sasha Smajd	Sheri Thomas
María Lorena Olguin	Sue Devore
Emma Van De Water	Shirley Shawcroft
Dolores Lynch	Ron Shook
James Hammer	Kenneth Shook
Nick Prehm	Beverly Moran
Sheri Thomas	Marsha Brawley
Greg Moore	Mary Eskey

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Cody Longstreth
Aaron Grieshop	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Huesman	Rick Shonkwiler
Sam Imwalle	Rob Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Luke Stumphauzer
Bradly Mead	Thomas Noel
Kate Walde-Mead	Addison A.
Robert Carollo	

... we continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry continues to pray daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. For more information about Inviting Catholics Home ministry, please visit www.stbrendans.net/ich

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SAINT BRENDAN
**2025 LENT, HOLY WEEK
 AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

Lenten Events

- 3/7 - PARISH LENTEN FISH FRY**
4/4 Fridays, 5-7 PM (School Gym)
- 3/7 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
4/11 Fridays, 7 PM (Church)
- 4/2 PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**
Wednesday, 6-9 PM
- 4/4 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**
Friday, 9 AM through Saturday, 1 PM
- 4/9 DIOCESAN 40 DAYS OF ADORATION**
Wednesday, 7 AM-7 PM (@ St Brendan)
- 4/13 PALM SUNDAY**
Regular Mass Schedule

Holy Week

- 4/14 RECONCILIATION MONDAY**
6-8 PM
- 4/17 HOLY THURSDAY**
7 PM Mass, then Adoration til midnight
- 4/18 GOOD FRIDAY**
3 PM (Liturgy only)
- 4/19 HOLY SATURDAY**
9 AM Blessing of the Food
9 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter

- 4/20 EASTER SUNDAY MASS**
7:15 AM (Church)
8:45 AM (Church & Gym)
10:45 AM* (Church & Gym) *livestreamed

WWW.STBRENDANS.NET



Remember a Loved One

There is a monument made out of the rock from Mount Sinai on St Brendan campus surrounded with memorial bricks to honor and remember parish family members. St Brendan KofC Council 11208 invites you to memorialize your loved ones by having an engraved brick placed at the base of the monument by filling out the form

at tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick (donation suggestion is \$50 per brick). Paper forms are also available in the parish office. Questions? Contact Jim at jim.cogan71@gmail.com

Happening This Week...

Grief Support Workshop - March 23

4TH SUNDAYS MONTHLY, 7 PM - For grief support from fellow parishioners, attend our Grief Support workshop. The next one is on Sunday, March 23 in the Carter Center. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

3RD THURSDAYS MONTHLY, 1 PM - Next month, join us at our Grief Support Luncheon held at La Chatelaine in Dublin.

Young Couples Date Night - March 28



St Brendan and Knights of Columbus will host date night for young couples (again!) on Friday, March 28, 6:30-8 PM! We'll provide dinner and take care of the kids (up to 5 years old). Share your stories and learn from other Catholic couples about the joys and challenges of marriage and raising children over

dinner and social time. The Knights of Columbus continue their five-part video series "The Mission of the Family" with small group discussion afterwards. It explores the beauty and greatness of God's gift of marriage and the family. No cost to you! Questions? Contact Chuck at chuck436@att.net and RSVP by March 24 at www.bit.ly/StB-AdultFF

Mental Health Summit - March 28

As we face a growing mental health crisis, what should we do? Join in a public conversation and together create our local response. This Mental Health Summit is for all those who bring hope and care to our neighbors facing crisis. The Diocesan-run Summit is on March 28, 9 AM-1:30 PM at St Brendan in the Davidson Rooms. 8 AM Mass is followed by a light breakfast. Lunch is also included. Questions? Call Catholic Social Services at 614-221-5891. Purchase tickets (\$10) at <https://bit.ly/4jsf4n0>



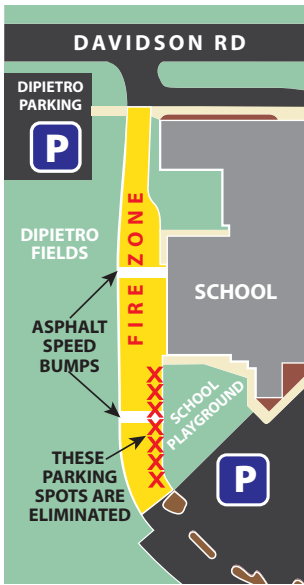
Family Potluck - March 29

Join Esto Vir, Men's Club and our Knights of Columbus for this family event! Bring your family and a dish to share in the Davidson Rooms this Saturday, March 29 at 6:30 PM!

Adoration around the Diocese

Visit www.columbuscatholic.org/40days to view the full schedule for **40 Days of Adoration** around our diocese during Lent. Our parish will be hosting Adoration on Wednesday, **April 9, 7 AM-7 PM**. Sign up to adore at www.stbrendan.weadorehim.com





Parking Lot Safety Update

To create a safer environment for children in and around our School Playground, we will add two permanent asphalt speed bumps on the road in between the playground and DiPietro Fields. The current parking spots in that area will be eliminated and that entire area will become a "No Parking Fire Zone" (note: there will be plenty parking for the use of the playground and for sports events at DiPietro Park on the other side). Look for new signs to be posted on the playground fence and nearby building as a reminder to slow down and watch for children. The new Fire Zone striping and signage will be added soon and the speed bumps will be installed mid-April, weather permitting.



Easter Lilies for the Altar

Easter lilies have been ordered for the altar. Contributions of \$10 per lily can be made in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention. Make your request(s) and pay with debit or credit card by filling out the online form available by scanning the QR code or at <https://bit.ly/lilies4altar2025>. Orders received by April 7 will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you have any difficulty filling out or paying using the online form, contact the parish office for assistance or email accounting@stbrendans.net



Young Adult Community Night - April 2

Join young adults on April 2 in Wellnitz following 7 PM Adoration for our *Lenten Evening of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving*. We will serve soup and pray as a group! Please bring a canned good food donation for the Hilliard Food Pantry. Questions? Email kristenmanifold20@gmail.com

2025 Men's Retreat Registration is Open!

Location
The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

Retreat Director
Fr Jacob Stinnett

2025 ST BRENDAN MEN'S RETREAT

MAY 16-18

"Four Last Things in a Year of Jubilee: Death, Judgment, Heaven & Hell"

Register now for the St Brendan Men's Retreat: *"Four Last Things in a Year of Jubilee: Death, Judgment, Heaven & Hell"* taking place May 16, 5:30 PM through May 18, 12 PM. Cost is \$190 payable by check or online by May 1. Register/pay online at: <https://bit.ly/2025men-retreat> OR, find the paper form/information sheet on the Welcome Desk and fill it out/mail it to: Mike Gunnarson, 6928 Ernest Way, Dublin, OH 43017 (include a check payable to "Knights of Columbus 11208"). Questions? Email Mikegunnarson@gmail.com



**March 7, 14, 21, 28
+ April 4 | 5-7 PM**

Baked or fried fish is available. Please sign up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/fish-fry-helpers>. For menu, pricing and for more details, visit www.stbrendans.net/about/parish-events. Questions? Contact the school at 614-876-6132.

SVdP Thrift Store

Donation Drive at St Brendan

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 9 AM - 4 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 12 - 4 PM

Helping Our Neighbors Begins at Home!

Our trailer will be in the St Brendan parking lot:

Doing Spring Cleaning?

On April 26/27, St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Conference and Knights of Columbus invite you to look for the St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store trailer in our parking lot. Your donations of gently used clothing, household items, toys, books, bikes, sporting goods, etc, are needed to restock our Thrift Store! Questions? Contact Chris Warren at cwarren1@sbcglobal.net

Seniors NOW

NAVIGATING OUR WAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass and then breakfast (Scramblers, Britton Pkwy)

St Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

family faith formation

Family Faith Formation Schedule

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS – Sunday, April 6, 6:45 PM.

The final small group will be on Sunday, May 4.

CONTINUED GROWTH – Sunday, April 27, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Gym

SEEK & ROOT – Monday, April 28, 6:30 PM.

Sacrament Preparation Schedule

The **Jesus Day First Communion Retreat** is on Friday, April 25 at 10 AM or 4:30 PM. (We will send an RSVP to your email.)

Confirmation Practice is on Sunday, April 27 at noon in the church.

Sponsors are not required to be present for our practice.

2025 Catholic Youth Summer Camp

CYSC registration is open for 5th-12th graders. St Brendan Parish is providing \$100 to each of our first 100 students to register (cost per session is \$620). Visit www.damascus.net/cy-sc-2/main-campus to register. To receive the discount, use code **BREHILL25**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Aides are needed at 8:45 or 10:45 AM Masses. (*Over age 18 must be Safe Environment compliant.*) To volunteer, contact Jackie at childrensliturgy@stbrendans.net, Maggie at magra@stbrendans.net or Jacob at jdoran@stbrendans.net

POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

The POD Nursery is open during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. To volunteer, email nursery@stbrendans.net to be added to our roster. *Volunteers 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.* Sign up for a *Protecting God's Children* class at www.tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC

Kindergarten Registration

For information about 2025-2026 St Brendan Kindergarten, to schedule a tour or to register a child, visit www.stbrendans.net/school

Preschool Registration

St Margaret of Cortona has openings for full-day/part-day preschool for children ages 3-5 this fall. Register at bit.ly/preschoolreg2025
Questions? Contact Andrea at aboyd@cdeducation.org

The Vine March Events

High-schoolers, join us Sunday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms for a talk on "Mary & the Power of Prayer." March 30, meet in the School Gym for a talk on "How to Live Like a Saint." For details, follow @stbvine on Instagram or email Kara at kday@stbrendans.net



June 23-27
9 AM-2:30 PM

COST \$40 per child

TOTUS TUUS

Summer Catholic Youth Program

Saint Brendan THE NAVIGATOR

Led by local Missionaries & Seminarians!

Totus Tuus Summer Program

Totus Tuus (Latin, meaning "Totally Yours") is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program for children entering grades 1-6, held on our St Brendan campus. Totus Tuus is led by energetic, enthusiastic, specially-trained missionaries and seminarians who share the Gospel with our youth and promote the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

Register at www.bit.ly/2025totus-tuus-child

We need your help to make the week a success! If interested in hosting missionaries for dinner or in giving some of them a place to sleep, please contact Maggie Cook at mcook@stbrendans.net



Middleschoolers - You're invited!

THE ROOTS

WHAT IF I NEED FORGIVENESS?

DINNER, GAMES, TALK & CONFESSION

MAR. 23 6:30 PM

StB Gym

Questions? Contact Avery at acolman@stbrendans.net

March 23, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Meaningful human relationships rarely last if only one party makes an effort to maintain a connection. The same is true in our relationship with God. In the scene recorded in today's first reading – arguably one of human history's "Top Ten" most important events – God takes the initiative, but the encounter is two-sided. God causes the bush to burn and Moses approaches; God calls Moses and he responds, "Here I am!"; finally, Moses asks God his name and God reveals himself as "I am who am." Moses' cooperation with God throughout is essential for them to arrive at this monumental revelation which would allow Moses (and, by extension, all of the Israelites) to call upon God by name. Despite our many technological achievements, a free, generous, loving response to God's initiative is still the only "fruit" we can bear for him that he cannot procure himself. This is the fruit which the fig tree in Jesus' Gospel parable is meant to produce. If we truly desire and seek this relationship, God will reveal himself to us so that, no matter our stage or state of life, we can bear this fruit *even now*.

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In his encounter with God, Moses exhibits an exemplary combination of boldness and humility which teaches us how we should approach our relationship with God. This is our "roadmap" which will help us fertilize the "ground" of our hearts. Consider Moses' bold, inquisitive spirit: "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight," and his prompt response to God's call: "Here I am!" Consider the audacity Moses must have had to ask God for his name. At the same time, however, consider his humility in removing the sandals from his feet and hiding his face before the majesty of God. The God who revealed himself to Moses is the same God who invites us into relationship with him. We can and should have Moses' boldness to ask God to teach us about himself. But we should also approach God with a spirit of reverence and awe. Our humility will be the fertile soil that God can use to make us his intimate friends and his representatives before others.

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